

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a user with ~~information from a database~~
media segments in an order selected by the user, the method comprising:

storing a first plurality of information segments in ~~the~~ a database;

displaying, in a first region of a display device, at least a portion of one or more a second
plurality of information segments selected from ~~of~~ the first plurality of stored information
segments, wherein at least a portion of each information segment in the second plurality is
displayed;

allowing the user to select information segments from among the ~~one or more~~ displayed
information segments;

~~storing, in a sequence in a buffer,~~ displaying in a sequence, in a second region of the
display device different from the first region, indicators representing respective information
segments selected by a user; and

allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the indicators in the ~~buffer~~ second region
to affect an order in which the user selected information segments are to be presented to the user.

2. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising loading
the user selected information segments into a memory.

3. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the memory is associated with a
personal computer.

4. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the memory is associated with a
set-top box.

5. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the memory is associated with a personal video recorder.

Claims 6-8 (cancelled).

9. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein a presentation of the user selected information segments includes playing, pausing, rewinding, or fast forwarding the corresponding information segments.

10. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user selected information segments include video clips.

Claim 11 (cancelled).

12. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

13. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

14. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting the user selected information segments on a computer.

16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting the user selected information segments on a television.

17. (original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the television interfaces with a set-top box.

18. (original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the television interfaces with a personal video recorder.

19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting the user selected information segments on a media player.

20. (currently amended) A method for presenting to a user ~~information segments from a database~~ media segments in an order selected by the user, the method comprising:

~~providing a buffer;~~

displaying, in a first region of a display device, a plurality of information segments selected from a database, the one or more information segments relating to at least one topic selected by a user or by the system, wherein at least a portion of each information segment in the plurality is displayed;

receiving from the user selections of the one or more information segments ~~in the database, the user selected information segments being represented by respective indicators~~ displayed in the first region;

~~storing, in a sequence in the buffer, the indicators corresponding to the user selected information segments;~~

displaying, in a second region of the display device different from the first region, indicators representing the respective information segments selected by the user, the indicators having a sequence corresponding to an order in which information segments are selected by the user;

allowing the user to select an indicator in the sequence and change the position of the selected indicator with respect to the other indicators in the sequence; and

presenting the user selected information segments represented by the respective indicators in the sequence in the same order as the respective indicators in the sequence.

21. (previously presented) The method according to claim 20, further comprising loading the user selected information segments into a memory.

22. (original) The method according to claim 21, wherein the memory is associated with a personal computer.

23. (original) The method according to claim 21, wherein the memory is associated with a set-top box.

24. (original) The method according to claim 21, wherein the memory is associated with a personal video recorder.

25. (currently amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the ~~buffer includes~~ second region comprises a virtual cart.

26. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database includes a video clip.

27. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

28. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

29. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

Claims 30 and 31 (cancelled).

32. (currently amended) A method for presenting to a user ~~information segments from a database~~ media segments in an order selected by the user, the method comprising:

receiving ~~from a user a request including one or more preferences concerning desired~~
~~information segments~~ selection of one or more topics chosen from among a plurality of displayed
topics;

searching ~~the a~~ database in response to the ~~request~~ selection;

displaying, in a first region of a display device, a plurality of information segments
retrieved from the database that relate to the one or more selected topics, at least a portion of
each information segment in the plurality being displayed in the first region;

~~providing~~ displaying, in a second region of a display device different from the first
region, an indicator representative of at least one of the plurality of information segments
~~selected from the database which satisfies the preferences;~~

~~placing the indicator in a buffer;~~

arranging the indicator with at least a second indicator displayed in the ~~buffer~~ second
region in a sequence, the second indicator being representative of a second information segment;

allowing the user to select the indicator and change the position of the indicator with
respect to the second indicator in the sequence, to generate a selected order of the indicators; and

presenting the selected information segment and the second information segment
according to the selected order of the indicators representative thereof in the ~~buffer~~ second
region.

33. (currently amended) The method according to claim 32, wherein the selection is
received in the form of a request ~~is~~ formulated in accordance with a predetermined search
template.

34. (currently amended) The method according to claim 32, wherein the ~~preferences are~~ selection is derived from a user preference file.

35. (currently amended) The method according to claim 32, wherein the ~~request~~ selection is received through a network.

36. (original) The method according to claim 35, wherein the network includes at least part of an Internet.

37. (currently amended) The method according to claim 32, wherein the ~~buffer includes~~ second region comprises a virtual cart.

38. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database includes a video clip.

39. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

40. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

41. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

Claims 42-45 (cancelled).

46. (currently amended) A system for presenting to a user media segments in an order selected by the user ~~serving information segments for presentation thereof, the system~~ comprising:

a database containing a first plurality of information segments;

a device for displaying, in a first region of a display device, at least a portion of one or more of the segments ~~a second plurality of information segments selected from the first plurality of stored information segments, at least a portion of each information segment in the second plurality being displayed;~~

an interface for allowing a user to select information segments from among the ~~one or more~~ displayed information segments;

~~a buffer for storing~~ wherein the device is further configured to:

display, in a second region of the display device different from the first region, ~~indicators, each indicator~~ representing a respective user selected information ~~segment~~ segments, the indicators being arranged in a sequence; and

a controller for allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the indicators in the ~~buffer~~ second region to affect an order in which the user selected information segments are to be presented to the user.

47. (previously presented) The system according to claim 46, further comprising a memory into which the user selected information segments are loaded.

48. (original) The system according to claim 47, wherein the memory is associated with a personal computer.

49. (original) The system according to claim 47, wherein the memory is associated with a set-top box.

50. (original) The system according to claim 47, wherein the memory is associated with a personal video recorder.

Claim 51 (cancelled).

52. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database includes a video clip.

53. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

54. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

55. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

56. (previously presented) The system according to claim 46, further comprising a computer for presenting the user selected information segments.

57. (previously presented) The system according to claim 46, further comprising a television for presenting the user selected information segments.

58. (original) The system according to claim 57, wherein the television interfaces with a set-top box.

59. (original) The system according to claim 57, wherein the television interfaces with a personal video recorder.

60. (previously presented) The system according to claim 46, further comprising a media player for presenting the user selected information segments.

61. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing an option to review content of at least part of an information segment.

62. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, comprising:
allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the indicators in the ~~buffer~~ second region
to affect an order in which the user selected information segments are to be presented automatically to the user.

63. (previously presented) The method of claim 20, comprising:

presenting automatically the user selected information segments represented by the respective indicators in the sequence in the same order as the respective indicators in the sequence.

64. (previously presented) The system of claim 46, further comprising:

a processing unit for providing an option to review content of at least part of an information segment.

65. (currently amended) A method for presenting to a user media segments in an order selected by the user ~~presenting to a user information segments from a database, the method~~ comprising:

~~providing a buffer;~~

displaying, in a first region of a display device, a plurality of information segments selected from a database, at least a portion of each information segment in the plurality being displayed in the first region;

receiving from the user selections of individual information segments ~~in the database~~ from among the plurality of information segments, each of the user selected information segments being represented by respective indicators, the indicators being different from the corresponding information segments;

~~storing, in a sequence in the buffer,~~ displaying simultaneously with at least one of the plurality of information segments, in a second region of the display device different from the first

region, the indicators corresponding to the user selected information segments, in response to the selection of each individual information segment;

allowing the user to select an indicator in the sequence and change the position of the selected indicator with respect to the other indicators in the sequence; and

presenting the user selected information segments represented by the respective indicators in the sequence in the same order as the respective indicators in the sequence.

66. (currently amended) A method for providing a user with ~~information from a database~~ media segments in an order selected by the user, comprising:

storing a plurality of video files relating to a plurality of news topics in the one or more databases;

displaying, in a first region of a display apparatus, one or more graphical markers representing respective news topics;

receiving from a user a selection of a graphical marker corresponding to a desired news topic;

searching the one or more databases to identify a plurality of video files ~~pertaining to a~~ associated with the desired news topic selected by a user;

displaying to the user, in a second region of the display apparatus different from the first region, a respective descriptor of each of the identified video files;

allowing the user to select, for placement into a ~~buffer~~ third region of the display apparatus different from the first and second regions, individual ones of the displayed descriptors;

~~storing, in a sequence in the buffer, displaying in the third region,~~ in response to each selection of a descriptor, an indicator comprising at least a respective text indicative of the video file corresponding to the selected descriptor, the indicators being displayed in a sequence corresponding to an order in which the descriptors are selected by the user;

allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the indicators in the ~~buffer~~ third region to create a second sequence; and

presenting the video files corresponding to the indicators in ~~buffer~~ third region in accordance with the second sequence.

67. (cancelled)

68. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the indicators is different than the displayed portion of ~~one or more of~~ the corresponding stored information segments.

69. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the second plurality of information segments is associated with at least one of a plurality of topics.

70. (New) The method of claim 69, further comprising:

displaying, in a third region of the display device, one or more graphical markers representing respective topics;

receiving from a user a selection of a graphical marker corresponding to a desired topic;
and

displaying, in the first region, a second plurality of the stored information segments associated with the desired topic.

71. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the display of the second plurality of information segments in the first region and the display of the indicators in the second region occur simultaneously.

72. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

allowing the user to select a first information segment from among the second plurality of displayed information segments;

displaying, in the second region, a first indicator representing the first information segment, in response to the user's selection of the first information segment;

allowing the user to select a second information segment from among the second plurality of displayed information segments; and

displaying, in the second region, a second indicator representing the first information segment, in response to the user's selection of the second information segment;

wherein the first indicator precedes the second indicator in the sequence.

73. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein:

an indicator associated with a first information segment selected by the user precedes within the sequence indicators associated with information segments selected by the user after the selection of the first information segment.

74. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least a portion of each information segment that is displayed in the first region comprises at least a title and a summary of the segment.